



City E-Currents

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Mayor's Corner

"History with its flickering lamp stumbles along the trail of the past, trying to reconstruct its scenes, to revive its echoes, and kindle with pale gleams the passion of former days."

~ Winston Churchill

CITY POINT 400TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Plans are well underway to celebrate 400 years of the Old Town City Point with the assistance and participation of the Petersburg National Park Service, Woman's Club of Hopewell, Nathaniel Cawsey Garden Club, St. John's Church, the Historic Hopewell Foundation, as well as many individuals on the 400th committee. This celebration will begin with a Secret Garden Tour on Saturday, September 14 and culminate with a celebration on Saturday, October 12. This day-long event will feature something for everyone and recreate the history of City Point which spans 4 centuries. Tours of

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Mike Bujakowski



Matthew Flowers

Matthew Flowers Retires, Fire Marshall, Hopewell Fire Department

Matthew Flowers has served the City of Hopewell for over 27 years as a fire fighter and emergency medical technician. During this time, he has responded to many calls for service and actively participated in the training of new personnel. He has volunteered for career days, school reading programs and fire prevention activities. Matthew has also participated in the Career Development Committee, and Physical Fitness Program.

From 2003 through 2009, he coordinated the teaching of the fire safety subjects with the department fire safety trainer. Because of Matthews' leadership ability with the fire safety trainer, many children in elementary schools and day care facilities have received training in fire safe practices in the home. He has attended many community functions on his off-duty time to speak about the fire services and the programs the department provides for the community.

Fire Fighter Flowers has worked with his supervisor to train new fire fighters on his shift. As the senior fire fighter on the shift, new fire fighters are assigned to work with Matthew to learn

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St. John's Church and grounds, tours of St. Dennis Chapel, representations from various Indian groups, presentations from Revolutionary and Civil War re-enactors and many other events are planned on the National Battlefield property along the river. Make plans to attend and celebrate our history.

BEACON THEATER

Saturday, August 17th has been chosen as a day to hold an open house at the Beacon to allow those interested an opportunity to tour the auditorium and see the work that has been done so far. The project is still a few months away from completion, but we believe you will be very happy with the restoration work and the attention to detail that makes up this project. Make plans to come to the Beacon to see the progress.

The City is also looking for and talking to a management group to come in and operate the Beacon on our behalf. We believe this will improve the chances of a successful venture and allow our citizens and our neighboring communities an opportunity to see quality entertainment and cultural events on an ongoing basis here in Hopewell.

Target date for completion is the end of this year.

MARINA

Now that the Shad spawning season has ended, work in and on the water has begun at the Marina. If you have an opportunity, please ride by and see the progress that is being made. The ships store is nearing completion, work on the second boat launch/ramp is now underway, and soon work on the west side of the canal will begin as widening of the canal at the ramp site is undertaken.

The City is currently looking for a management group to come in and operate the Marina on our behalf.

Target date for completion is end of this year.

SESQUICENTENNIAL:

1864-1865 ARE THE BIG YEARS FOR HOPEWELL

As we creep closer to the pertinent years of the Civil War from Hopewell's perspective, our Sesquicentennial Committee is hard at work planning activities to take us back in time to this very important period in our Country's history. Displays of findings from City Point Archeological digs by the College of William and Mary, along with Lincoln Initiative events, a new Civil War map and brochure, and Reenactments of Lincoln's days at City Point with General Grant will also dominate the festivities throughout this time period. Stay tuned for more info as we get closer.

1916-2016: 100 YEARS OF HOPEWELL

In keeping with our historical theme, we should also be aware that we are approaching the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Hopewell. As we move through the previously mentioned historical milestones and celebrations, we will begin making plans to celebrate our own birthday.

As with this and all the other celebrations we have in the works, the key to the quality and success of each event is YOU.

If you are interested in helping plan any or all of these events, please contact Mr. Herbert Bragg at 541-2270.

LEARN WELL, LIVE WELL, WORK WELL, PLAY WELL, in HOPEWELL

"An Historic Riverfront Community"

TALL GRASS ordinance changes

City Council approved an amendment to Chapter 18 of the City Code that reduced the height of grass, weeds or other foreign growth may grow from 12 to 10 inches. As part of the same amendment the amount of time to correct the violation was reduced from 10 days to 5 days.

Also as a reminder, it is the citizens responsibility to maintain sidewalks adjacent to their property and keep it free of grass, trash and debris.



Flowers

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the city's streets, fire hydrants locations and the department procedures.

Matthews' motivation in teaching and his ability to relate with others in the city is an asset to our department.

Matthew was Fire Fighter of the year in 2010.

Matthew was promoted to Fire Marshall in September 2011.

From the day to day fire & EMS calls which demanded his urgent action, to the safety talks & guidance during career days, Matthew has been a valuable player allowing our department to shine.

Matthew Flowers tenure for the City of Hopewell, Bureau of Fire was from July 2, 1986 – July 31, 2013.

City of Hopewell Employee of the 2nd Quarter



April Cone

April Cone, Purchasing Agent, City of Hopewell was selected Employee of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter 2013. April works for the Department of finance, City of Hopewell. Her primary focus is assisting Departments with procuring goods and services according

to the city's Procurement Policy.

She has been employed with the City for the past 25 years. Prior to this position April served as Deputy Treasurer in the Treasurer's Office and as Payroll Coordinator in the Finance Department. She began her initial employment with the City as Accounts Payable Clerk for the Department of Finance.

The Employee of the Quarter Award recognizes excellence and the outstanding contribution provided by employees of the City. The criteria for nominating an employee are embodied in the following areas: job knowledge, teamwork, dependability, quality of work, and leadership. The Employee of the Quarter recipient receives a gift certificate of their choice as well as a plaque with recognition by the City Manager and Supervisor. The Employee of the Quarter will also be recognized by the Mayor at the regular scheduled City Council meeting.

April graduated from Hopewell High School as Valedictorian. In addition, she has attended Virginia Tech and Saint Leo College, where she attained her Associates Degree. She attended the Virginia Institute of Procurement to become a Virginia Contracting Associate, A Certified Purchasing Agent. April is a member of both the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing (VAGP) and National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NGIP).

City of Hopewell Employee of the Month, July 2013



Supreme Brown

Supreme Brown was selected Employee of the Month for July 2013. Mr. Brown serves as PC Technician for the City of Hopewell. Mr. Brown has been with the City for 2 years. He is responsible for setup and configuration of workstations for employees, install hardware and software on employee's PCs, documents inventory and assets in Web Helpdesk software, performs upgrading, repairs, and troubleshoots PC and network related issues.

The Employee of the Month Award recognizes excellence and the outstanding contribution provided by employees of the City. The criteria for nomination an employee are embodied in the following areas: service, excel, reliable, versatile, inviting, courteous and empathy. The Employee of the Month recipient receives a certificate, t-shirt, and designated parking. The Mayor has donated his parking spot to recognize the "Employee of the Month" at City Hall.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of Bryant and Stratton College. In addition, he is a member of Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society.

City of Hopewell hires new Public Works Director

Edward O. Watson, Jr., Director of University Planning, Design and Construction at Virginia Tech will assume duties as the City's new Public Works Director effective June 26, 2013.

The hiring of Edward O. Watson concludes an extensive, nationwide search for a new Director of Public Works that began in April 2013. In all, 38 applicants from various states applied for the position. The most qualified candidates were selected to participate in an interview process and respond to questions from a panel. Mr. Watson is a well rounded individual who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organization. He is a licensed professional engineer.

Mr. Watson brings over 20 years of management and supervisory leadership experience as a department head for various capital outlay programs within the Commonwealth and over 10 years

experience in local government. Not to mention, over 15 years in facilities management.

He was responsible for the successful management of "New Construction" unit.

This unit manages \$600 million in construction and \$250 million in design projects.

Mr. Watson's accomplishments includes: directing a staff of 150 people, analyzing, evaluating, writing policies, practices and procedures to include standards to ensure optimal efficiencies are achieved. He implemented a \$40 million "performance contracting program" utilizing energy savings to assist with mechanical systems upgrades and or replacement. Mr. Watson also developed numerous 6-year capital outlay budget plans (largest plan-\$2.2 billion), just to name a few.

Mr. Watson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from West Virginia Uni-



Edward O. Watson, Jr.

versity Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

According to Hopewell City Manager, Dr. Edwin C. Daley, "Mr. Watson will be an outstanding addition to the Hopewell Community. He is working hard for a short transition period and looks forward to serving the citizens of Hopewell."

City Announces Citizen's Academy Course

Hopewell City officials announce a Citizen's Academy Course. The Hopewell Citizen's Academy Course is scheduled from September 12, 2013 through December 12, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The course consists of a (10-12) week program comprised of (1 to 2) hour sessions beginning every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Each sessions entails a thorough summary review of each department and or agency to include their duties, responsibilities and the services they provide.

The course is provided by the City free of

charge. Citizens (18) years or older who are residents or a business owner in the city of Hopewell may apply to attend the Citizens Academy. All applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be notified of their acceptance into the course via telephone, fax or email prior to the start of the session.

In order to receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must attend at least (10) out of the (12) academy sessions. For additional information, please contact the Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Office.



National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program

The City of Hopewell has a new program to offer savings on prescription drugs to residents who are without health insurance, a traditional benefit plan, or have prescriptions that are not covered by insurance.

The Prescription Discount Card is made available to residents by the City of Hopewell in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through the City's membership in NLC. Councilors Brenda S. Pelham and Councilor Christina J. Luman-Bailey was instrumental in bringing this program to the City of Hopewell.

The card is FREE to all Hopewell residents, regardless of age, income

or existing health insurance. By using this card you may save an average of 23 percent savings off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. There are no enrollment fee. No membership fee. No limit on how many times the card can be used. No age requirements. No income requirements. The card can be used by residents with existing health coverage and it covers all family members.

City residents may pick up cards at the following locations: City of Hopewell Human Resources Department, Intergovernmental & Public Affairs, Parks & Recreation, Appomattox Regional Library, Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority and the Department of Social Services.

National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program

To discover the savings and learn more about the program residents can access the internet at <http://www2.caremark.com/nlc> to access the program online and print a card, check drug prices and locate participating pharmacies or call 1-888-620-1749 for assistance with the program.

NOTE: This is not insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. By using this card, participants agree to pay the entire prescription cost less any applicable discount. Savings may vary by drug and pharmacy.

Adopt-A-Neighbor Outreach Program

The City of Hopewell has implemented an "Adopt-A-Neighbor" program as an outreach service with the intent of:

- Bringing together groups of individuals or an organization with a person needing assistance;
 - Developing a volunteer network
 - Gaining compliance with City Codes to promote a healthier, safer, and visually appealing community.
- Benefits of Program

- Citizens are given the opportunity to help their neighbors
- Individual and community safety and health is improved
- Quality of life is enhanced
- Volunteers receive the satisfaction of helping others
- Groups and organizations benefit from a team-building experience
- A sense of community pride is enhanced

Who Qualifies for the Program?

The program targets individuals or households that meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Homeowner; and
- Either Elderly and/or Disabled.

The three (3) additional eligibility criteria:

- Physical & Mental

Capability – Applicants must demonstrate that a serious medical or mental condition exists either on a permanent basis or as a long-term condition.

· Financial Capability – This is determined by the individual's most recent tax return and living expenses. Living expenses may include the following items: mortgage, utilities, food and medical costs.

· Family Resource Capability – An individual may qualify if they do not have any family members located within 20 miles of the City who are willing and able to assist the applicant.

Types of Assistance

Typical activities of volunteers would include:

- Yard cleaning such as cutting grass, trimming shrubs, and raking leaves;
- Removing trash and debris from properties; and
- Moving items to the curb for pickup.

How it Works

· Individuals that are in need of assistance can contact the Department of Neighborhood Assistance and

Planning or can be referred by a neighbor.

- The individual will fill out an assistance application.
- If the individual qualifies, then they will be referred to a volunteer or volunteer group for assistance.

Adopt-A-Neighbor Outreach Application

Calling all Volunteers!

Department of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning is in need of volunteers who are willing to perform tasks such as:

- The organization agrees to provide assistance to a homeowner for necessary maintenance, such as yard work, trash removal, etc.
- The adopting organization performs the work needed.
- Materials are to be provided by the homeowner, donated by businesses or community-based organizations and/or the City of Hopewell.

Volunteers are essential to the success of the Adopt-A-Neighbor Outreach Program. If you or your organization is interested in performing such valuable tasks, please contact us at (804) 541-2220.

30th Anniversary - National Night Out



On August 6, 2013, the Hopewell Police Department celebrated the 30th Anniversary of National Night Out.

National Night Out is a coordinated national event to bring neighborhoods together and celebrate the relationship between the Police Department and its citizens.

This year individual neighborhoods hosted their own events and all registered neighborhood events were visited by Chief Keohane or a member of his staff.

If you do not have an active watch in your neighborhood there could not have been a better time to meet your neighbors and begin a new neighborhood watch group.

A fun time with neighbors and the Hopewell Police Department were had by all at the National

Night Out Events:

Greater Heights
Neighborhood Watch / 312
Neighborhood Watch – Arlington Park.

Mansion Hills Neighborhood Watch – Intersection of Mansion Dr. & Central Terrace.

Farmingdale Neighborhood Watch – Joined with Westwood Watchers Neighborhood Watch, at the United Methodist Church at Miles Ave & Norfolk St. After refreshments the community walked through both Neighborhood Watch areas to promote Neighborhood Watch and Public Safety.

Cobblestone Neighborhood Watch

Kippax Estates Neighborhood Watch – Perrymont Rd just off of Kippax Dr.

Lloyd O. Taylor @ Autumn Woods Neighborhood Watch

– Westbrook St.

Westwood Watchers
Neighborhood Watch – Joined with Farmingdale Neighborhood Watch at the United Methodist Church located at Miles Ave & Norfolk St.

City Point Neighborhood Watch- City Point Park on Allen Ave.

National Memorial
Neighborhood Watch – 306 Memorial Ave.

HRHA Neighborhood Watches (combined) – Kippax High Rise-100 Kippax St. Clear Vision assisted with this event.

Beacon Theatre update

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 17th. It is your opportunity to visit the Beacon and for an open house to review the construction progress. From 10:00 AM to noon you may walk-through and see the theater's progress after a year of restoration work.

The old theater has a remarkable history. Built in 1928 it is on the National Historic Register and in its heyday the Beacon was the theatric jewel of Hopewell. Ornate plaster, intricate decoration and seating for 750 made the venue popular for both performers and audiences.

Some of the well known performers who performed in the Beacon were Lash LaRue, a popular cowboy and master of the bullwhip, Sally Rand the famous burlesque fan dancer, Frank Buck exotic animal collector. The theater was also a very popular movie house. It is where many Hopewell residents had their first date and took in a silent and eventually "talkies" and color.

In the 1950s and 1960's on Saturdays the theater would be full of children who could get in for the price of a

canned food item. They would spend all day eating popcorn and enjoying the spectacle of being at the movies. For many years it served as an entertainment asset in a thriving downtown.

Then in the 1970s Main streets and downtowns across America went into decline as families relocated to the suburbs. As downtown Hopewell declined so did the once beautiful and ornate Beacon. In 1981 it finally closed and sadly the once grand lady of a thriving community of the 40's, 50's, and 60's was all-but-abandoned and neglected.

In 1999, a group of citizens formed a non-profit and the City contributed \$1.2 million to be matched with historic tax credits and restore the Beacon. During this first phase the nonprofit was able to stabilize damage and restore a portion of the building that included the main ballroom, second floor meeting space and first floor. The work was critical to preserving the structure and halting the damage of vacancy.

Rehabilitation of the theater began again in May of 2012. Local general

contractor J.W. Enochs, Inc. has the goal to complete the work begun in 1999 and restore the theater to its original grandeur. When complete the Beacon will seat 650. It promises to become a high quality performance venue, conference center and community resource for entertainment and cultural enrichment.

Most importantly the Beacon Theatre will be an economic catalyst for downtown Hopewell. According to Americans for the Arts Economic Prosperity, attendance at arts event generates income for local business – restaurants, hotels, retail stores all benefit. An average arts attendee spends \$24.60 per event in addition to the cost of admission.

By the end of the 2013 the Beacon will be complete and a venue management firm will be in place to operate and promote the resources for the community just in time for the 100 year anniversary of the City of Hopewell. So mark your calendar for August 17th 10:00 AM to noon and get a peek at the future.

Historic Hopewell Foundation Announces Registration for



What did children do all day without computers, television and other modern technologies? Experience a day in the life of Emma and George in 1863. The Historic Hopewell Foundation (HHF) is pleased to announce the date for this year's Emma and George Days. This popular program, a two-day learning event for boys and girls ages 8-12, will be held August 13-14 from 9am to noon. Costumed interpreters and museum staff will lead children in activities, crafts and games to help students gain an appreciation for life in

the late 18th and 19th centuries. We are excited to have leaders who bring much experience with children's programs at the Valentine and other museums in Richmond return again this year.

Emma and George Days are named for the children who lived at Weston Manor with their family from the fall of 1863 through the spring of 1864. The Wood family came to Weston to escape the Union occupation of Hampton, Virginia. Emma's memoir of her family's travels during the Civil War is a fascinating look

at civilian life in a war zone. During this program, children will spend the day as Emma and George would have, playing and learning about days past.

Emma and George Days will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Weston Manor. Instructors are assisted by adult aides and snacks are provided. Cost is \$30 per child. Space is limited so early registration is advised. For more information or to register, please call HHF at 458-4682. Weston Manor is located 400 Weston Lane off 21st Avenue in Hopewell.

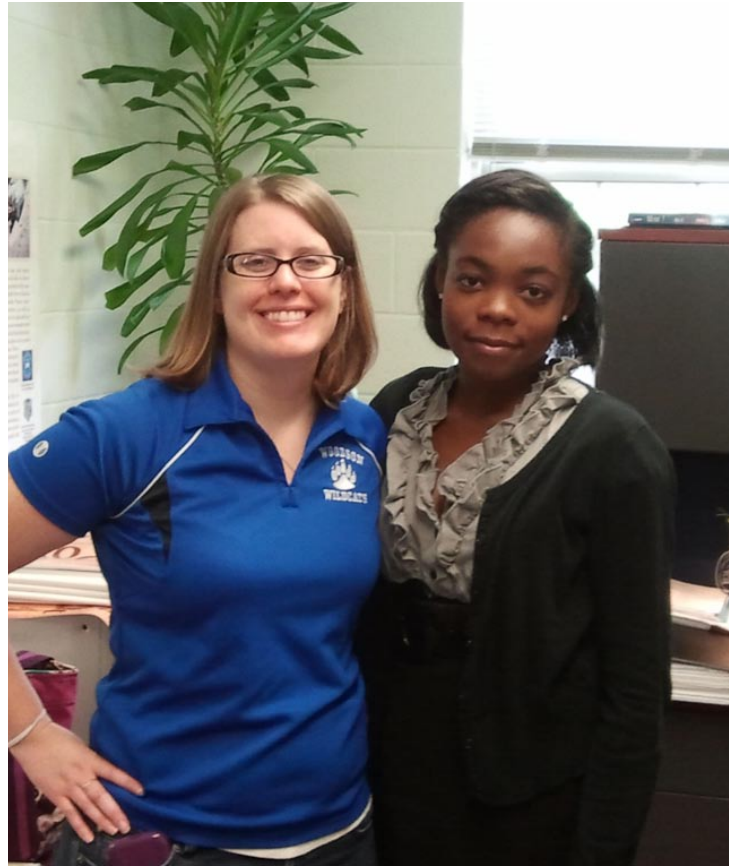
City of Hopewell Celebrates Hooray For Hopewell Festival

The Hooray for Hopewell Board of Directors is pleased to announce this year's Hooray for Hopewell Festival. The festival begins Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 22, 2013 from 12 Noon until 5 p.m. The festival includes arts, craft, food and great entertainment. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, please call (804) 452-1822

J.O.B.S. Program

Submitted by Cristal Crenshaw

I think the J.O.B.S Program is a very great experience. I personally like the J.O.B.S program because I am learning a lot as a young person. I get to see what the daily work life is all about, and in just one month, it's much more than I initially thought! I think I can take away a lot from this experience because of what I have already done thusfar working for the City Manager's Office and Intergovernmental & Public Affairs as well. Some things are a bit challenging than others, but I always ask questions just to make sure I'm following directions. Mrs. Pershing once told me "Work smarter not harder!" I'm very sure I will keep that working method in my head. Mr. Bragg is a funny but a wise person and I have learned a lot from him too. Nevertheless, everyone in the office is nice and have made me feel welcome. Yes, I was scared at first but after the second day of working, I got to meet both of my mentors and afterwards everything became more easy to me. I personally want to thank Dr. Edwin Daley, City Manager, and the Human Resources staff for supporting the J.O.B.S Program.



Cristal Crenshaw, J.O.B.S. Program Student and her 8th Grade Guidance Councilor and J.O.B.S. Coordinator, Megan Howard, Carter G. Woodson Middle School.

Hopewell Participates in USDA Kids FREE Lunch Program

Kids need a good nutritious lunch to help them learn and grow. If you don't have plans one day, the Hopewell City Public Schools is inviting you and your children to have lunch. If you are 18 years old or younger, stop by with a parent or guardian and get a tasty and nutritious lunch for FREE!!

Meals will be provided at:
Dupont Elementary School
300 South 18th Ave
Hopewell, VA 23860



June 24 – August 8, Mon.-Thur.
(No meals on July 4, 2013)
Lunch: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This opportunity is made possible by the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to

all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



School Bus Safety Rules

For some 25 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many children are injured and several are killed in school bus incidents.

School bus related crashes killed 134 persons and injured an estimated 11,000 persons nationwide in 2005, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Over the period from 2000-2005, about 70% of the deaths in fatal school bus related crashes were occupants of vehicles other than the school bus and 19% were pedestrians. About 5% were school bus passengers and 4% were school bus drivers. Of the pedestrians killed in school bus related crashes over this period, approximately 83% were struck by the school bus. Of the people injured in school bus related crashes from 2000 through 2004, about 46% were school bus passengers, 8% were school bus drivers, and another 41% were occupants of other vehicles. The remainder were pedestrians, pedal cyclists, and other or unknown type persons.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to do so. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their children these rules for getting on and off the school bus.

RULES FOR GETTING ON AND OFF THE SCHOOL BUS

Getting on the school bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

Behavior on the bus

- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.
- Never put head, arms or hands out of

the window.

- Keep aisles clear – books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
- At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat, then walk to the front door and exit, using the handrail.

Getting off the school bus

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.

- When the driver signals, walk across the road keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Correct way to cross the street

- Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.
- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
- If student's vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles -- then stop, and look left-right-and left again.

PACS
POLICE ARMY CHURCHES SCHOOLS
**BACKPACK GIVEAWAY
& HEALTH FAIR**
AUGUST 10TH, 2013
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL
400 SOUTH MESA DRIVE HOPEWELL, VA
ALL CHILDREN, PARENTS/ GUARDIANS MUST BE PRESENT AT EVENT
FOR IMMUNIZATION, BRING YOUR KIDS' SHOT RECORDS
SPONSORS INCLUDE:
-FORT LEE
-JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION
-HOPEWELL PARKS & REC DEPT.
-HOPEWELL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
POLICE DEPT, & AREA CHURCHES
ACTIVITIES:
-HEALTH SCREENINGS
-SPORTS PHYSICALS
-FOOD -GAMES -PRIZES
-FACE PAINTING
-BOUNCE HOUSE
FOR MORE INFO CALL 804-451-4481
WWW.THEREACHOUTCENTER.COM

Local Emergency Planning Committee

History of the LEPC. The LEPC was created through the enactment of the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA). Section 310 established the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and section 303 mandated the establishment of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

The Local Emergency Planning Committee mission is bringing together City elected and appointed officials, community and industries for enhancing hazardous material, natural disaster, and terrorism preparedness. This includes providing input into the City's Emergency Operations Plan.

SERC-State Emergency Response Commission coordinates hazardous material planning, preparedness, response, and mitigation issues at the state and has moved to become more "all-hazards" rather than just HAZMAT. Local Emergency Planning Committee coordinates material planning,

preparedness, response, and mitigation issues at the local level. In addition, they develop and maintain a written community level hazard material emergency response plan. The LEPC committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month.

Moreover, the Local Emergency Planning Committee plan must include critical elements, designate the authorizing authority on Eplan, create a process to develop, implement and test (exercise) the plan, submit the plan annually for review to SERC. Why is this important? Chemical accidents occur all of the time. LEPCs can improve emergency response, improve planning, create and maintain key relationships and communication.

The LEPC invite interested residents or city business owners to make application for membership or contact (804) 541-2298 or email us via info@hopewellva.gov for additional information.

Hopewell's LEPC 2013 goals are as follows:

- Continue to work with community representatives in all aspects of emergency response training and education (on-going).
- Continue to train with local, regional and state partners (on-going).
- Conduct an annual City-wide drill.
- Participate in a Tornado Drill (complete).
- Continue to train-the-trainer as it relates to the HENS Radio system (on-going).
- Conduct Radiological Ingestion Pathway Training (complete).
- Develop school door mapping system (complete).
- Review and update security plans (complete).
- Red Cross Ready rating (complete).
- Gang Awareness Training (complete).
- Sub-committees meet periodically and continue to resolve issues or make recommendations (on-going).
- Conduct a Safety Summit at Hopewell Public Schools (work in-progress).
- Conduct Tier II reviews
- New membership packets (on-going).
- Invitation for new membership and volunteers.
- LEPC website and Face Book enhancements (on-going).

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCILORS?

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Councilor Jackie M. Shornak	Ward # 7	PH: (804) 541-2249

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Engineering	Johnnie Butler	541-2319
Finance	Jerry Whitaker	541-2306
Fire	John Tunstall	541-2288
Healthy Families	Bernetta R. Quinn	458-9278
Human Resources	Gail Vance	541-2246
Information Systems	Terry Newton	541-2225
Intergovernmental & Public Affairs	Herbert Bragg	541-2270
Neighborhood Assistance and Planning	March Altman, Jr.	541-2220
Police	John Keohane	541-2282
Public Works	Phil Elliott	541-2295
Purchasing	April Cone	541-2205
Real Estate	Cindy Mabe	541-2234
Recreation	Jo Turek	541-2304
Regional Wastewater Treatment	Mark Haley	541-2210
Risk Management	Dave Harless	541-2203
Emergency Services	Ben Ruppert	541-2298
School Superintendent	Dr. John Fahey	541-6400
Social Services	Nancy Treanor	541-2330
Tourism	LuAnn Fortenberry	541-2461
Voter Registrar	Pam Clark	541-2232

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